

# North Notts Business Awards 2023

## Public Voting Awards

### Terms and Conditions

1. The North Notts Business Awards, organised by North Notts Business Connections (NNBC), is free for all firms to enter. No administration fees or entry charges are payable in any category, including the Public Voting categories.
2. **Eligibility:** Any local firm based within the district of Bassetlaw may enter the Public Voting Awards in the relevant category. For clarity, this is defined as those firms situated within the geographical district not areas which share a Bassetlaw postal address. If you are unsure, please ask us for postcode verification of the firm's geographical eligibility. NNBC's confirmation is final.
3. Time Out : if a business has previously won an award category twice in succession they will not be permitted to enter that category for a period of the next two years. However, they are welcome to enter any other of the judged and public voting award categories where applicable during this time out period.
4. Your acceptance of your nomination must be electronic and completed on the North Notts Business Awards form and sent to us by email in a **Microsoft Word** or **PDF** document only.
5. An awards category may be withdrawn if an inadequate number of eligible nominees are received.
6. All applicants and nominees must be fully legally authorised to enter their organisation into the awards programme or accept a nomination for the Public Voting Awards.
7. **The closing date for the receipt of the completed Public Voting Awards nomination acceptance forms by NNBC is 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.** Once we have received your acceptance form you will receive a free "Nominated" logo to help you with your voting campaigns and publicity.
8. The dedicated voting system opens on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023. All nominees are responsible for their own voting campaigns to encourage votes from the public.
9. Only votes received via the dedicated voting facility available via the North Notts Business Awards website will be counted. Votes will not be accepted via any other medium. The counting of votes may be verified by an independent third party.
10. NNBC uses a Google voting system to ensure that the voting process remains FREE to both nominees and all of the general public who cast their votes. It would be possible to switch to a voting different system upon receipt of written confirmation that you will pay for all the costs.
11. Votes accepted are strictly one vote per person per category. All voting is closely and manually monitored to ensure fair play. If there is any detection of multi voting, vote rigging or any such shenanigans then the nominee will be eliminated and without notice, appeal, or recourse. **Voting opens on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and closes at midnight on Friday, 7<sup>st</sup> July 2023.** Votes received after this time will not be counted.
12. Nominees are also encouraged to enter the judged categories, the entry forms for which may be downloaded from the North Notts Business Awards website <https://northnottsbusinessawards.weebly.com/judged-awards-2023.html>
13. The finalists for the Public Voting Awards will consist of the three to five nominees in each category for which NNBC, or its appointed representatives or agents, receive the greatest number of votes through the above public voting process.
14. The winner of each category will be the nominee who receives the highest number of eligible votes.
15. The finalists for all awards categories will be announced on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023.** The finalist results will be published on the North Notts Business Awards website and announced on social media and to the press a number of days later.

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16. Award winners will be announced at North Notts Business Awards Ceremony on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the North Notts Arena.**
17. **All awards shortlisted finalists from both the Public Voting and Judged categories will be required to attend the Awards Ceremony having purchased the appropriate Awards Ceremony ticket by no later than Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This forms part of the Terms and Conditions of entering or accepting a nomination for the awards. Any finalists who do not comply with the agreed Terms & Conditions or choose not to attend will be duly eliminated from the awards process.**
18. The only exception to point 17 is where a finalist has volunteered their firm's products and services for the purposes of the awards evening **AND** will be fully occupied working throughout the evening at the awards ceremony and by prior agreement b North Notts BC.
19. Winners will receive a commemorative award presented at the awards ceremony. The list of winners and photographs will also be published on the North Notts Business Awards website and the same will be publicised by NNBC through a variety of media.
20. Photographs and video may be taken throughout the awards ceremony and will be published via social media and other media platforms. Please refer to our separate GDPR policy. All photographs and video remain the property and copyright of NNBC and of the Official Awards Photographer.
21. Applicants are responsible for making appropriate arrangements to protect any intellectual property associated with their application.
22. Finalists and Winners may be requested to participate in post event publicity.
23. **By completing and submitting an entry or nomination acceptance form for the North Notts Business Awards you agree to all Terms and Conditions in full and without exception.**